

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. No amendments to the claims have been presented at this time. Claims 1 and 8 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brost, U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0039899. Claims 7 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brost in view of Dalzell, U.S. Patent No. 2,281,754. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, a Verified Translation of Swedish Priority Application No. 0303142-4, which was filed on November 26, 2003 has been provided for the Examiner's consideration. The effective filing date of the Brost reference is July 20, 2004, which is after the perfected priority date of the present application of November 26, 2003. In view of this, the Brost reference is not available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and is therefore not available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state-of-the-art, no further comments are deemed necessary with respect thereto.

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All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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